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LETTER DATED 18 JULY 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of two notes dated 6 and 11 July 1995, respectively, from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the Office of the Government of the Republic of Croatia in Belgrade.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents it compliments to the Office of the Government of the Republic of Croatia and strongly protests the shelling of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia on 4 July 1995.

On the said date, the Croatian Army opened fire from the Dubravka area (Pelinovo Brdo, Prapratno) on two occasions between 9.32 p.m. and 9.40 p.m. and between 10.15 p.m. and 10.25 p.m. with the 20-mm anti-aircraft guns at the positions of the Yugoslav border near Greda, Kumbor garrison, in the region of Boka Kotorska. The Army of Yugoslavia did not return fire.

This gross and unprovoked provocation of the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia constitutes a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, threatens the security of its citizens and causes additional tension in the border area.

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns most strongly this latest brazen provocation of the Croatian armed forces and warns of the danger and possible consequences of such acts, for which the Croatian side will be held responsible.

Annex II

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Office of the Government of the Republic of Croatia and strongly protests the repeated shelling of the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia on 9 July 1995.

At 6.45 p.m. on the said date, the Army of the Republic of Croatia opened anti-aircraft machine-gun fire against the positions of the Army of Yugoslavia near Greda in the region of Boka Kotorska. On that occasion, eight shells were fired from the Pelinovo Brdo position and six sniper bullets from point 611 at the observation post of the Army of Yugoslavia. The Army of Yugoslavia did not return fire.

This, the latest in the series of gross and unprovoked provocations of the armed forces of the Republic of Croatia, is yet another example of the flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, threatens the security of its citizens and causes additional tension in the border area.

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns most strongly this latest brazen provocation of the Croatian armed forces and warns of the danger and possible consequences of such acts, for which the Croatian side will be held responsible.

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